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Dear Sirs,

Air Logistics of Alaska, Inc., is in favor of NPRM 98-12 "Flight Plan Requirements for Helicopter Operations Under Instrument Flight Rules". This NPRM would allow the unique capabilities of the helicopter to be utilized for greater productivity. It would also reduce helicopter accidents by encouraging operators to more fully utilize the IFR System instead of attempting to maintain VFR flight in marginal weather conditions.

This rule will have an immediate positive effect on the safety of the helicopter industry. It will also pave the way for further improvement in the IFR system as it is utilized by helicopters in general.

With regards,

AIR LOGISTICS OF ALASKA, INC.

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